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This is in response to the Office Action dated November 19, 2002 (Paper No. 9), in the above-identified application. This response is being timely filed on or before the expiration of the two-month, shortened-statutory period for response, set to expire on January 21, 2003 (January 19, 2003, being a Sunday and January 20, 2003, being a Federal holiday).

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of all pending claims and withdrawal of the Examiner's rejection, in light of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 8-27 are currently pending in the present application.

In Paper No. 9, the Examiner maintains the rejection of claims 8-27 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), for the reasons of record in the Office Action dated February 26, 2002 (Paper No. 6), as being unpatentable over PCT Publication No. WO96/16991 of Wachter, *et al.*, (hereinafter referred to as "Wachter"), in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,547,988 of Yu, *et al.*,